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Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment After Final filed February 16, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-22,33-56,59,61 and 69-78.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

In response to Amendment After Final filed February 16, 2006

Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - a. Claims 1 - 21 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a method of making a shoe correction for the alignment of a person's foot comprising the step of while maintaining the person's lower leg in the forward inclined position at the pre-selected angle, measuring the lateral angular alignment of the foot in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.
 - b. Claims 33 - 36 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a kit for quantifying and making a shoe correction for a misalignment of a person's foot comprising (a) a dorsiflexion template adapted to position the person's lower leg and (b) a subtalar joint inclinometer to measure the lateral angular alignment of the person's foot when the person's lower leg is inclined at the preselected angle in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

c. Claims 37- 56 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a corrective alignment insole assembly for making a shoe correction for the alignment of a person's foot comprising a base insole in combination with at least one of at least one supination control pad, at least one pronation control pad, or at least one arch control pad, wherein the at least one supination control pad, the at least one pronation control pad and the at least one arch control pad are selected based upon a lateral angular alignment measurement of the person's foot in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

d. Claim 59 is allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a subtalar joint inclinometer for measuring the lateral angular alignment of a person's foot when the person is in a standing position, comprising a calcaneal bisection gauge for inscribing a reference line on the heel of the person aligned with the person's Achilles tendon when the person is standing in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

e. Claims 69 – 72 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a subtalar joint inclinometer for measuring the lateral angular alignment of a person's foot when the person is in a standing position, comprising a protractor scale indicia on one of the base second portion and the heel alignment member and a reference line indicia on the other of the base second portion and the heel alignment member,

wherein the reference line indicia is aligned with a zero position on the protractor scale indicia when the person's heel has a zero angular alignment and is adapted to indicate on the protractor scale indicia the degree of angular deviation of the person's foot from zero angular alignment in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

f. Claims 61 and 73 are allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a database for selecting at least one corrective alignment insole component for making a shoe correction for a misalignment of a person's foot based upon a measurement of a lateral angular alignment of a person's foot comprising a plurality of pre-selected lateral angular alignment values, wherein an angular alignment value of -5° to 3° correlates to an assembly of corrective alignment insole components comprising a base insole, a supination control pad and a supplementary supination control pad in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

g. Claim 74 is allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a database for selecting at least one corrective alignment insole component for making a shoe correction for a misalignment of a person's foot based upon a measurement of a lateral angular alignment of a person's foot comprising a plurality of pre-selected lateral angular alignment value, wherein an angular alignment value of 3° to 6° correlates to an assembly of corrective alignment insole components comprising a base insole, and a supination control pad in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

h. Claim 75 is allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a database for selecting at least one corrective alignment insole component for making a shoe correction for a misalignment of a person's foot based upon a measurement of a lateral angular alignment of a person's foot comprising a plurality of pre-selected lateral angular alignment value, wherein an angular alignment value of 6° to 9° correlates to an assembly of corrective alignment insole components comprising a base insole in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

i. Claim 76 is allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a database for selecting at least one corrective alignment insole component for making a shoe correction for a misalignment of a person's foot based upon a measurement of a lateral angular alignment of a person's foot comprising a plurality of pre-selected lateral angular alignment value, wherein an angular alignment value of 9° to 12° correlates to an assembly of corrective alignment insole components comprising a base insole, and a supplementary motion control pad in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

j. Claim 77 is allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a database for selecting at least one corrective alignment insole component for making a shoe correction for a misalignment of a person's foot based upon a measurement of a lateral angular alignment of a person's foot comprising a plurality of

pre-selected lateral angular alignment value, wherein an angular alignment value of 12° to 15° correlates to an assembly of corrective alignment insole components comprising a base insole, and a motion control pad in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

k. Claim 78 is allowable over the Prior Art of Record because it fails to teach or suggest a database for selecting at least one corrective alignment insole component for making a shoe correction for a misalignment of a person's foot based upon a measurement of a lateral angular alignment of a person's foot comprising a plurality of pre-selected lateral angular alignment value, wherein an angular alignment value greater than 15° correlates to an assembly of corrective alignment insole components comprising a base insole, a motion control pad and a supplementary motion control pad in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

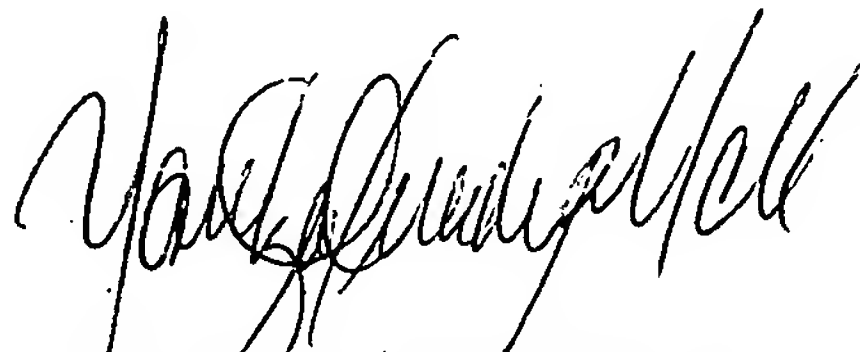
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yaritza Guadalupe whose telephone number is (571)272 -2244. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F.F. Gutierrez can be reached on (571) 272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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